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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Hekimi et al.

Confirmation No.: 9018

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Art Unit: 1645

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Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: SCREENING ASSAYS FOR
TARGETS AND DRUGS USEFUL IN
TREATMENT AND PREVENTION
OF LIPID METABOLISM
DISORDERS

Attorney Docket No.: 11202-009-999
(Formerly 302087-999008)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Decision on Dismissing the Petition filed June 22, 2004, mailed October 6, 2004, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following remarks and enter the following amendments into the record of the above-identified application prior to examination. Applicants enclose herewith a replacement drawing sheet for Figures 2A-1 to 2G.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

An **Appendix** including the replacement drawing sheet is attached following page 3 of this paper.